

APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM

OREGON HOUSE DELEGATION

FISCAL YEAR 2010

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: FEBRUARY 13, 2009

PLEASE NOTE: As required by the House Appropriations Committee, all requests will be made public on the requesting Member's website.

1. Project Title: Sandy River Trail Connections

2. Organization Name and address:

Multnomah County
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Portland, Oregon 97233

3. Primary Contact name, phone number, mobile phone number, fax number and email:

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4. Project Location Address (if different from Organization): There is no site address. The project is located along the east bank of the Sandy River between the Sandy River Delta recreational area and the Historic Columbia River Highway.

5. Please describe the requesting organization's main activities, and whether it is a public, private non-profit, or private for-profit entity:

Multnomah County is a public entity that provides local government services to the general public.

6. Briefly describe the activity or project for which funding is requested (please keep to 500 words or less.)

The Oregon Department of Transportation is replacing the Interstate-84 bridges over the Sandy River in Troutdale. As part of that project, a multi-use bike and pedestrian path is being constructed on the eastbound bridge span to provide recreational access over the river. Construction will start in 2009/2010 and will last 4 years.

This \$5,100,000 funding request is for the design and construction of trails along the east bank of the Sandy River to connect the new bike and pedestrian crossing to nearby recreational venues. It consists of two segments, the first of which will run north from Interstate-84 to the Sandy River Delta recreation area. The second segment will extend south from the Interstate to Lewis and Clark State Park and the Historic Columbia River Highway.

In a separate but related 2010 appropriation request the Portland Metro Regional Government is seeking \$2,150,000 to complete the trail connections to the same bike and pedestrian crossing along the west side of the river.

7. Has this project received federal appropriations funding in past fiscal years?

No.

7a. If yes, please provide fiscal year, Department, Account, and funding amount of any previous funding.

N/A

8. Federal agency and account from which funds are requested (Please be specific –e.g. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Economic Development Initiatives account):

- Department of Interior, National Park Service - Construction
- Department of Interior, Forest Service – Construction – Trails
- Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration – Transportation & Community & System Preservation

Funds are authorized through the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area Act: PL 99-663 § 16; 6 USC 544n.

9. What is the purpose of the project? Why is it a valuable use of taxpayer funds? How will the project support efforts to improve the economy and create jobs in Oregon?

This project connects bicyclists and pedestrians in the Portland Metropolitan Area to existing recreation areas east of the Sandy River in the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area. While the State of Oregon is financing construction of the river crossing, funding has yet to be secured for trail connections to the new facility. This project completes the gap in the trail system for the east side of the river so that recreational users will have safe and efficient access from the bridge to the Sandy River Delta, Lewis and Clark State Park and Historic Columbia River Highway.

Recognizing the increasing public demand for recreational opportunities in this area, Multnomah County and the organizations listed below came together to develop a concept for how the trail connections would work. Our collaboration resulted in the "Sandy River Connections Concept Plan," completed in January of 2008. The plan maps out an alignment for the trail connections and all of the parties have agreed to support its implementation.

The National Scenic Area Act identifies the need to develop recreational opportunities in this portion of the Columbia River Gorge and authorizes the appropriation of funds for that purpose. The new bike and pedestrian crossing provides an opportunity to realize that vision, but we need to act soon so that the trail work can be timed with the bridge construction.

Improving access to these recreational venues draws people to the Columbia River Gorge, as envisioned in the Act, and serves as an amenity that makes it more attractive for businesses and individuals to locate in Troutdale and surrounding areas. Approximately 63 construction jobs will be created.

10. Have you requested funding for this project from other Members of Congress?

If so, who? Yes, Senators Wyden & Merkley, Congressmen Wu & Schrader

11. Funding Details:

a. Total project cost (all funding sources and all years): \$5,100,000

b. Amount being requested for this project in Fiscal Year 2010: \$5,100,000

c. What other funding sources (local, regional, state) are contributing to this project or activity? (Please provide specific dollar amount or percentage.) The State of Oregon is constructing a piece of the project with the new bike and pedestrian crossing over the Sandy River.

d. Do you expect to request federal funding in future years for this project? No, unless project does not receive requested amount.

e. Breakdown/budget of the amount you are requesting for this project in FY 2010.

(e.g. salary \$40,000; computer \$3,000): Preliminary Engineering \$400,000; Project Management and Permitting \$200,000; Construction \$4,500,000.

f. Please list public or private organizations that have supported/endorsed this project:

Bureau of Land Management
Oregon Department of Transportation
Oregon Parks and Recreation Department
Metro Regional Government
City of Troutdale
Port of Portland
The Confluence Project
40 Mile Loop Land Trust
Oregon Recreational Trails Council

g. Is this project scalable? (i.e. if partial funding is awarded, will the organization be able to use the funds in FY 2010?):

Yes. The entire project includes two separate segments of trail connections.

Please return this form no later than February 13, 2009 (via email) to:

appropriations.blumenauer@mail.house.gov